



PATENT APPLICATION S.N. 09/829,678

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: William W. Cimino      Examiner: Thissell, J.  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-months extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed June 17, 2003, said period of response being extended from three months to six months.

Our check in the amount of \$475.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

Respectfully submitted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 2003.

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